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### PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicants : Scott A. Frank, et al.

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated May 18, 1994, in which claims 1-19 are rejected. Applicants request amendment of the case and reconsideration in light of the following:

### In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1 and 2.

Amend Claim 3, line 17, by deleting the phrase "to 75% lower alcohol" and inserting therefor --lower alcohol--.

Amend Claim 3, line 17, by deleting the phrase "to 25% water" and inserting therefor --water--.

